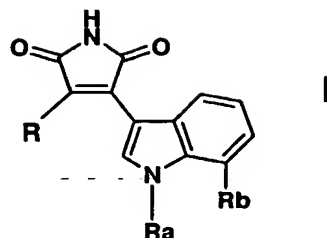


CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula I

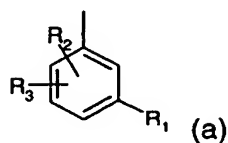


wherein

R_a is H; CH₃; CH₂-CH₃; or isopropyl,

R_b is H; halogen; C₁₋₆alkoxy; or C₁₋₆alkyl, and either

I. R is a radical of formula (a)



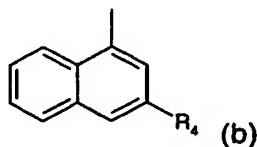
wherein

R₁ is piperazin-1-yl optionally substituted by CH₃ in position 3 or 4; or 4,7-diaza-spiro [2.5] oct-7-yl;

R₂ is Cl; Br; CF₃; or CH₃; and

R₃ is H; CH₃; or CF₃; R₂ being other than CH₃ or Cl when R₃ is H, R_a is H or CH₃, R_b is H and R₁ is 4-methyl-1-piperazinyl; or

II. R is a radical of formula (b)

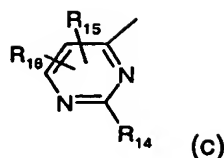


wherein

R₄ is piperazin-1-yl substituted in positions 3 and/or 4 by CH₃; or 4,7-diaza-spiro [2.5] oct-7-yl; R_a being other than H or CH₃ when R₄ is 4-methyl-1-piperazinyl; or

III. R is a residue of formula (c)

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wherein

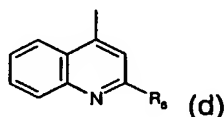
R₁₄ is piperazin-1-yl optionally substituted by CH₃ in position 3 and/or 4 or in position 3 by ethyl, phenyl-C₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkoxy-C₁₋₄alkyl or halogeno-C₁₋₄alkyl; or 4,7-diaza-spiro [2.5] oct-7-yl;

R₁₅ is halogen; CF₃; or CH₃; R₁₅ being other than CH₃ when R₁₆ is CH₃, R_a is H or

CH₃, R_b is H and R₁₄ is 4-methyl-1-piperazinyl; and

R₁₆ is H; CH₃; CH₂-CH₃; or CF₃; R₁₆ being other than H when R₁₅ is Cl, R_a is H or CH₃, R_b is H and R₁₄ is 4-methyl-1-piperazinyl; or

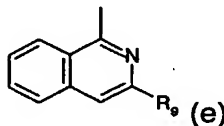
IV. R is a radical of formula (d)



wherein

R₈ is 1-piperazinyl, 3-methyl-piperazin-1-yl or 4-benzyl-piperazin-1-yl; or

V. R is a radical of formula (e)



wherein

R₉ is 4,7-diaza-spiro [2.5] oct-7-yl; or 1-piperazinyl substituted in position 3 by methyl

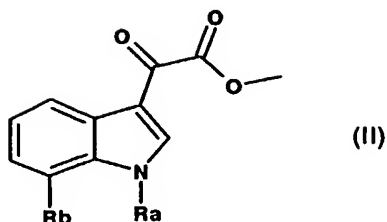
or ethyl and optionally in position 4 by methyl,

or a salt thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1 which is selected from 3-[5-chloro-6-methyl-2-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-4-(1H-indol-3-yl)-pyrrole-2,5-dione, 3-[3-(4,7-diaza-spiro[2.5]oct-7-yl)-isoquinolin-1-yl]-4-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-pyrrole-2,5-dione and 3-(1H-indol-3-yl)-4-[2-(4-methyl-piperazin-1-yl)-5-trifluoromethyl-pyrimidin-4-yl]pyrrole-2,5-dione or a salt thereof.

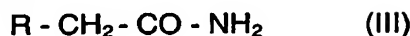
3. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I according to claim 1, which process comprises reacting a compound of formula II

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wherein R_a and R_b are as defined in claim 1,

with a compound of formula III



wherein R is as defined in claim 1,

and, where required, converting the resulting compound of formula I obtained in free form to a salt form or vice versa, as appropriate.

4. A compound of formula I according to claim 1 or 2, in free form or in a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form for use as a pharmaceutical.
5. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I according to claim 1 or 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier therefor.
6. A compound of formula I according to claim 1 or 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment or prevention of disorders or diseases mediated by T lymphocytes and/or PKC or GSK-3 β .
7. A compound of formula I according to claim 1 or 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use in combination with an immunosuppressant, immunomodulatory, anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative or anti-diabetic drug.
8. A combination comprising a) a compound of formula I in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form, and b) at least one second agent selected from an immunosuppressant, immunomodulatory, anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative and anti-diabetic drug.
9. A method for preventing or treating disorders or diseases mediated by T lymphocytes and/or PKC or GSK-3 β in a subject in need of such treatment, which method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of formula I according to claim 1 or 2 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. A method according to claim 9 comprising co-administration concomitantly or in sequence of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form, and a second drug substance, said second drug substance being an immunosuppressant, immunomodulatory, anti-inflammatory, antiproliferative or anti-diabetic drug.